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Conflicting Human Interests Are Creating Two Separate Cities In Newark

The achievements of this century are a testament to mankind's ability to conquer disease, to travel beyond the limits of the earth, to assist in both beginning life and extending it. While we have developed the most sophisticated technologies of war, have produced computers that store and use millions of pieces of information, we have not used these talents to insure that our fellow human beings have enough to eat, a place to live, and the means to adequately provide for themselves and their families.

For twenty years, the energy and resources of the New Community Corporation have been dedicated to insuring that Newark's poor have food, homes, and jobs. Our approach has always been to offer the poor the means to lift themselves out of poverty, to work with them in strengthening their community and to act with them in challenging bureaucracies.

Yet the poor are still with us.

Newark is a city of contrasts. For some it is the best of times; for the poor it is the worst of times. The downtown business district is experiencing a renaissance; luxury condominiums are being built throughout the city. At the same time the only housing available to low-income families is being torn down but not replaced in quantity.

The number of homeless on our streets and in our public areas has increased dramatically. People need jobs, yet much of our public educational system is not functioning in a

way which will provide the skills for decent jobs. Adequate recreation is not available for our children. In essence, the poor in our midst are subjected to "economic apartheid."

The old adage "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" is often heard in reference to solutions for poverty. But how can people do this when they do not even have the benefit of a boot to cover their feet?

This, in a sense, is part of their plight. For lack of education, decent jobs are not obtainable and a dependence on public assistance follows. Then they give up. It is a problem which the poor cannot solve without help.

In this case, not only the poor need motivation, but so too the well off. Perhaps it is again time for small groups within churches and civic groups such as the Jr. Chamber of Commerce in Berkeley Heights, which contributed immeasurably to New Community's birth, to elevate the problem of affordable housing to a priority on their agendas. "From a mustard seed" reminds the Bible, pointing out that this largest of plants came from the smallest seed of all.

If the seed of our concern and desire to participate in finding a solution to the suffering created by poverty and lack of decent housing can be spread nationwide — then, action will be taken.

Our country is based on democratic principles. This presumes input from people of all persuasions and justice

for all people — not just those rich enough or educated enough to put their needs in the eyes of the public.

We can talk about the problem of affordable housing 'till doomsday, but until those who have money are willing to tell federal, state and municipal governments that they want part of their taxes used for affordable housing — this will not be done.

No one who has not experienced going to work, being proud to work hard, and yet not being able to afford a decent place to come home to, can imagine the despair and hopelessness which creeps in.

Cities are for all people, but those

who have been scratching out an existence here in Newark for the past 20+ years should not be pushed aside and forgotten when planning for the future.

Based on the federal government's criteria for poverty and the updated 1980 census there are more than 106,895 persons in the City of Newark whose income falls below the federal poverty level and who are eligible for low income housing. Of that number, approximately 25 percent are currently living in Newark Public Housing. The overwhelming majority of individuals who happen to be poor are living in nonsubsidized

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Love Newark Committee Celebrates At St. Joseph Plaza

Over 250 dignitaries, community leaders and business representatives shared a common theme Friday evening, January 29, at the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce's Love Newark Committee dinner held at St. Joseph Plaza. The theme — to

County Executive Nicholas Amato, Members of the Newark City Council and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and NJ Corrections Commissioner William Fauer.

The event honored Newark Deputy Mayor Sylvia Guarino for her con-



St. Joseph's atrium provides a lovely setting for the Chamber of Commerce's "Love Newark" recognition dinner.

clean-up and beautify the City of Newark.

The event had special interest for New Community Corp. Monsignor William Linder was an Honorary Chairperson, along with Newark Mayor Sharpe James, City Council President Henry Martinez and Marianne E. Alfano, President of Louvco, Inc.

Guests at The Priory affair included U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman James Courter, Essex

tinuous efforts to improve the city's image; Donald Harris, President of Vogue Housing, for his work in launching a significant housing development in the city; and the Working Inmate Network (WIN) program, which has been successful in using minimum security prisoners to help keep Newark clean and free of litter.

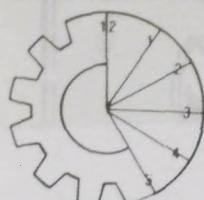
The dinner kicked off the new program of the Love Newark Committee, which was formerly known as the

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International Night At St. Rose



St. Rose of Lima parishioners model an array of international costumes. Story and more photos on back page.



New Community Employment Center

102 People Placed In January

A Perfect Match

"We are very happy and pleased with Michelle Daniels," said Alice Schuler of the New Jersey Council of Churches, "because she has a very pleasant telephone voice, learns quickly, is accurate and energetic."

Michelle has been the Council's receptionist for the last four months. She was referred to the position by New Community Employment Center counselor John Bins, who Michelle says "is great."

Michelle has assisted the non-profit advocacy group with many of its clerical tasks. This is right in line with her career goals. "I was always interested in developing business skills. I learned how to type in high school and just always kept up my skills," said Michelle.

The problem, she recalled, was in finding permanent work. "I found myself going from temporary job to temporary job so that my skills would not be lost — but I was always determined to find a permanent position."

"John found my first permanent job which has the added benefits of being in my field of interest, conveniently located near my home, and has pleasant people to work with.

"Since finding this position," she said, "I've referred many friends to the Employment Center because I know it works."

"The service was very good for us," added Alice Schuler, "because within days four very qualified people were referred for interviews. We finally chose Michelle because of an extra something in her personality. It's paid off in the sense that many of our affiliates comment on the bright attitude Michelle projects over the telephone."

Michelle Daniels and the New Jersey Council of Churches are a perfect example of what the New Community Employment Center does. Counselors consider the needs of the individual job seeker who may desire a certain type of work, location, opportunity for advancement or many other things. The needs of the employer are also carefully weighed so that only those people fitting the requirements are referred to the company.

The satisfaction that both parties receive through increased productivity, is what opens doors for so many others.



Michelle Daniels puts finishing touches on a publicity display.



Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

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Leadership Institute Is Progressing Well

Mary Smith, Georgia Ransome and Joe Chaneyfield shared their experience of **Grassroots Leadership**.

The next week featured NCC Leaders Patricia Foley of **Clarion** fame, Sr. Catherine Moran, O.P. and Msgr. William Linder presenting New Community history, philosophy and future projects.

Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P. has a consistent electrifying effect on the group which responds with enthusiasm to challenges such as to change speech patterns, to enunciate clearly, and to be convincing.

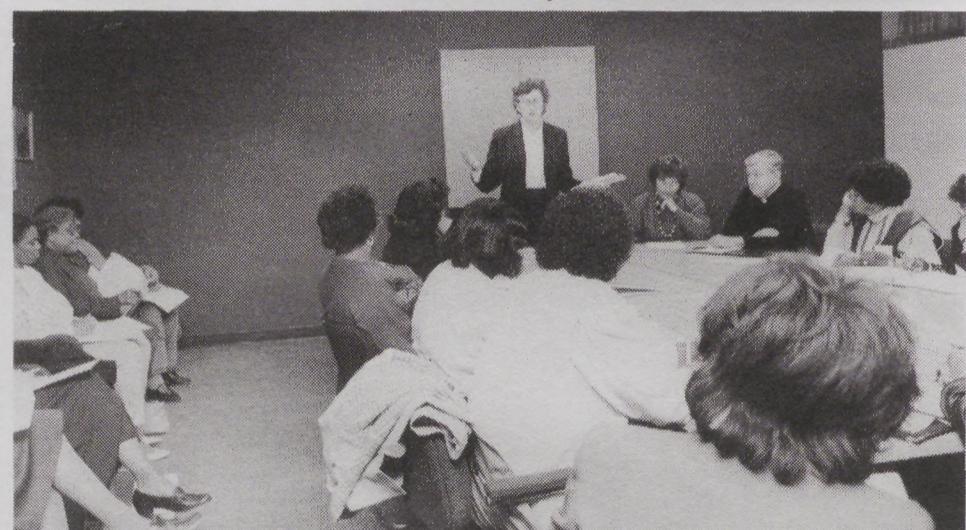
To get the full effect of all this, you would have to be there!

Delores Johnson of NCC Manor Families "found the first night very enlightening and educational."

Sylvia Johnson of NCC Management "thoroughly enjoyed the session" and looks forward to the coming weeks.

Different features of the Leadership Institute appeal to different people. Ernest Walker of St. Rose School (Bertha's son) loves riding in the van which transports participants back and forth. Danielle, daughter of Sylvia Johnston from the NCC Management Office, really loves the child care giver, Elinor Smith, of NCC Gardens Families.

"To me, leadership means knowing the issues, how to deal with them, and put them across," writes Gladys Phillips of NCC Roseville Seniors. She and all the other Leadership Institute participants fit this definition very well.



Sr. Catherine Moran elucidates the story of NCC's beginnings.

Love Newark...

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Love Newark...Keep It Clean Committee.

Charles DeMarco, director of research for The Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, said, "We want to get the word out that our focus has changed from being just a campaign against litter to a full-fledged drive for city beautification and overall image improvement."

The committee adopted a five-year master plan to draw on Newark's many assets and initiate innovative programs to help improve the city's image. As part of that plan, the Chamber committee has planned new fundraising efforts, such as the sold-out dinner that filled The Priory, The Conference Center and the Sandwich

Shop at St. Joseph Plaza to capacity.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Lucille Green, founder of Operation Brightside, an anti-litter/beautification organization that has scored successes in St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati. "Operation Brightside, which began in 1982, has been remarkably successful in St. Louis," she said. "Each year, 75,000 residents work to beautify their neighborhoods with Project Blitz; 500 youth are employed to clean major arterial streets through Project Mainstreet; 8,000 vacant lots have been cleaned, graded and seeded under Project Greenlot; and all 78,000 city students are taught the benefits of a clean, healthy environment through Project Paperchase."

Tale Of Two Cities...

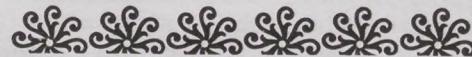
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housing, where they are paying a disproportionate percentage (90%) of their income on rent. There are currently 25,000 Aid to Dependant Children (AFDC) families in Newark, which represents approximately 75,000 individuals. The average monthly family grant for three persons in the household amounts to \$424 per month. The average room rental is \$100 per month per room or \$400 for a four room apartment. The net result of this means AFDC families pay approximately 94% of their monthly grant for rent.

The homeless population within the City is currently in excess of 8,000 individuals and growing, based on the unavailability of low-income and affordable housing. This situation is further worsened by the fact that the Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority, based on their HUD reports, currently has 1,400 vacant units and over 14,000 families on a waiting list, which was closed in April 1987. In addition, the Housing Authority has demolished 800 units at Scudder Homes and is seeking permission from HUD to tear down 2,400 additional units at Hayes, Scudder, and Columbus Homes. Their plans do not include the total replacement of the units that have already been demolished, nor do they include a single one for the replacement of units slated for demolition in the future.

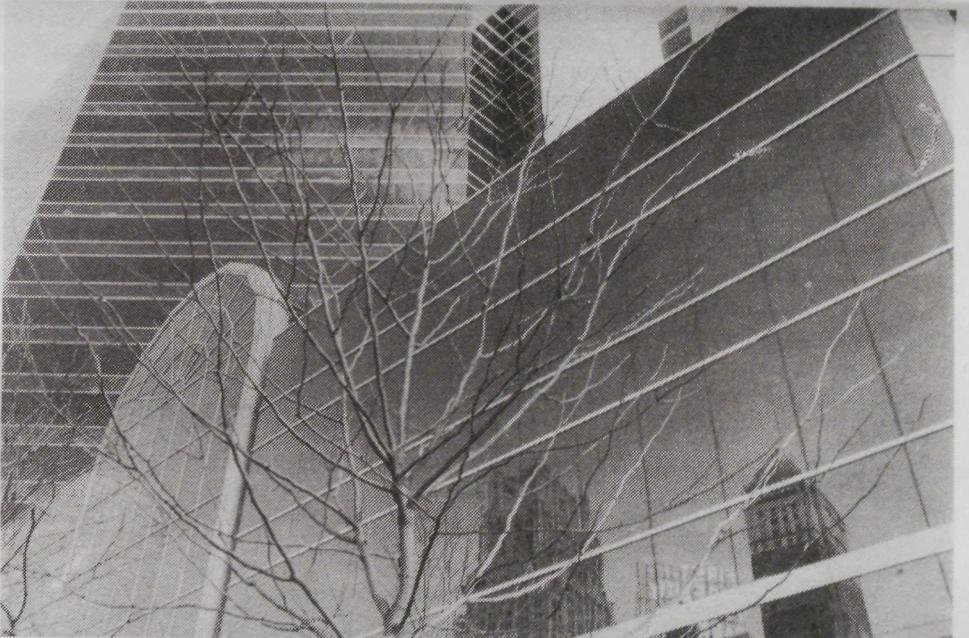
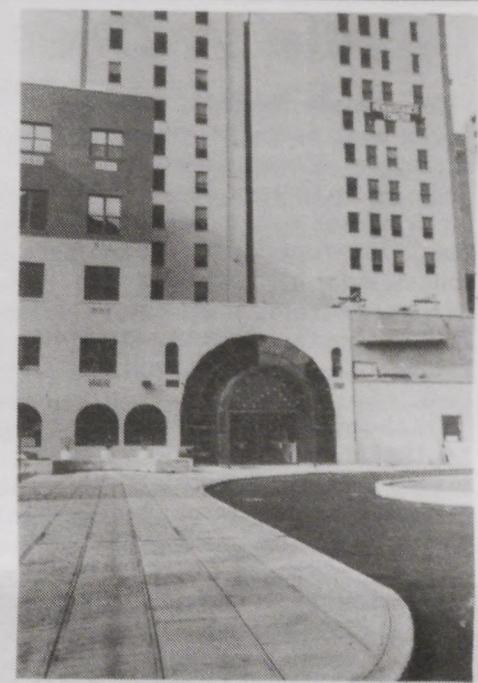
What is to happen to the poor? Where are they to live?

To accept responsibility for the hopes of others, to give validity to these hopes, and to strive for their realization should be our mission. We believe that too many meaningless promises have been made too frequently to poor people. People who are homeless or unemployed and do not have immediate access to secure a home or a job, experience a sustaining desperation that perpetuates their hardships. To offer them hope is to offer a radical strategy for change. As Mayor James said in his second State of the City Message last week, "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible." To do any less than offer them hope will result in Newark becoming "A TALE OF TWO CITIES."



It was the best of times,
it was the worst of times,
it was the age of wisdom,
it was the age of foolishness,
it was the epoch of belief,
it was the epoch of incredulity,
it was the season of Light,
it was the season of Darkness,
it was the spring of hope,
it was the winter of despair,
we had everything before us,
we had nothing before us..."

Charles Dickens
A Tale of Two Cities



From A Dream To Reality

To be able to dream is to have hope. To see one's dream become a reality is progress. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that one day there would be freedom and equality for all mankind, so our children might go to school side by side and not be hindered from achieving their highest goals. New Community brings this dream to reality each year.

On the evening of Friday, January 15, 1988 the air was biting and walking felt more like ice skating, but over 100 seniors and family members of New Community came together at NC. Manor Senior for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund Dinner. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a group of people united, striving for the good of someone else, despite any obstacles.

Every year on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday the NCC Senior residential buildings take turns hosting a dinner to raise monies for the youth scholarship fund. This year the affair was sponsored by NC Manor Senior at 545 Orange Street, Newark. A total of \$700.00 was realized.

The Floor Captains and several other volunteers worked diligently to make this event special. The evening started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres of shrimp, chicken nuggets and cheese squares to help everyone relax and get to know one another better.

Ms. Henrietta Dukes, a resident of Manor opened the program by leading everyone in a soul touching rendition of the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Glenn Grant, the Corporation Counsel for the City of Newark. Mr. Grant spoke about the importance of education and in particular the need to stand behind our youth to help them succeed in school and to improve their quality of life. He was very supportive of our Scholarship Fund because as a black lawyer coming from a single-parent, low-income home he realizes the obstacles one has to overcome to realize one's dream. Two non-profit organizations

helped him with his college expenses.

His advice to the youth, especially our black males, is, "Instead of reacting in a rebellious and angry manner, turn all those negative energies into positive ones." "You don't have to be a hoodlum or drug addict," the attorney said. "Whatever you're interested in, whether it's law or not, young people should put their minds into it and believe in themselves," he charged.

The NCC After School Program participants are some very talented young people. They did some original rap numbers honoring Dr. King and a selection of special readings for the Scholarship Fund Dinner. These are some of the positive things our young people are striving to achieve every day.

Special presentations to the scholarship fund were made by Ms. Marilyn Reed and Ms. Georgia Willis, President and Vice-President of the NC Family Advisory Board. The Family Advisory Board presented a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the fund. Ms. Reed said that the families are behind their youths and though they may not be wealthy in money, they are rich in love and try to show this to the youth by helping and guiding them. "NCC gave us a new beginning with fresh housing, now we want to give our youth a fresh start by teaching values and showing them we care," she declared. A special presentation was also made by Mrs. Hattie Watson of NC Douglas Seniors in the amount of \$25.00.

Following all the presentations, dinner was served to a very gratifying capacity-filled room.

An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Those who could not attend contributed because they knew it was a good thing and it made them feel proud to be able to help in some way.

On behalf of the youth of New Community — who say every day "We have a dream," — thank you for supporting this most worthy venture and helping to make someone's dream a reality.

Joyce Cook



A group of NCC After School Program members present a unique performance in honor of Dr. King.

St. Rose Home School Association Elects New Officers

In an unusually close election Mrs. JoAnn Mays was elected President of the St. Rose of Lima Home School Association. Mrs. Mays has been associated with St. Rose of Lima School for the past 9 years. Two of her three children are enrolled during the present school term. Her son, Willie, is in the 8th grade and her daughter, Jasmine, is in the 2nd grade. For the past 1½ years she has been employed at Chubb Life America in Parsippany. Her main objective as a member has been for greater participation of the parent body in School affairs.

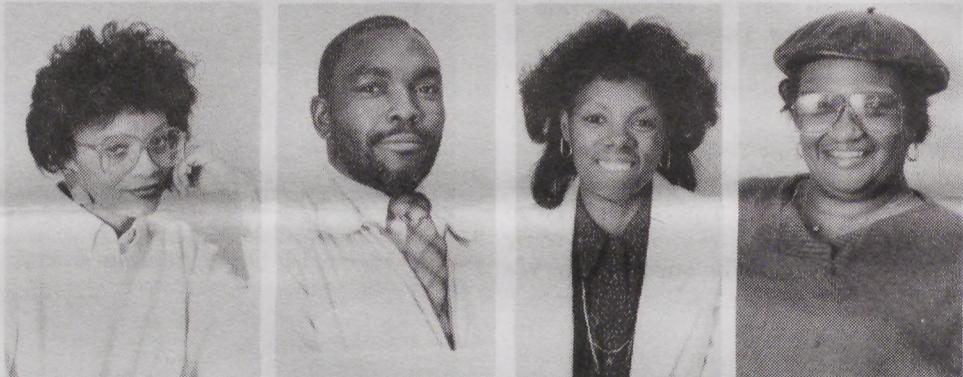
Ms. Mays defeated Ms. Cynthia Wiggins, who the very next night was one of the stars of the St. Rose 100th Anniversary International Night. Ms. Wiggins won first place in the talent show singing a spiritual, "Blessed Assurance."

The race for the position of Vice-President was also a close one with Mr. Willie McCray squeezing past Ms. Ann Shepard. Mr. McCray is married and lives in Orange, New Jersey. He and his wife have two children who attend St. Rose of Lima School. Willis II and Antoya are in Kindergarten and 3rd grades respec-

tively. Mr. McCray works for the U.S. Postal Service in Jersey City, New Jersey. He feels that the parents and staff of St. Rose must work together to ensure that the community gets quality education for its children.

Ms. Lois Askew was winner for the position of Secretary. Ms. Askew was reared in Newark and attended both elementary and high school in Newark. She attended college in West Virginia and Rutgers University in Newark. Ms. Askew is a full-time employee as a Customer Service Supervisor for payroll and tax service in Union, New Jersey.

The final selection, for the position of Treasurer, was won by Ms. Bertha Walker. Ms. Walker has a son Ernest who has been a student at St. Rose since Kindergarten. She chose St. Rose of Lima School because of its reputation as a "good school" and she would like to contribute toward making it a better school. Ms. Walker is a Vista Volunteer, tutoring Grades 3 to 7 in the St. Rose After-School Program. She is also an active member of her church, an usher and has been the Treasurer of the "Willing Worker Club" for seven years.



Jo Ann Mays

Willis McCray

Lois Askew

Bertha Walker

What's So Special About St. Rose School?

Everything about St. Rose is becoming more and more special. This nearly-one-hundred-year-old inner-city school has a legacy of excellence which is beckoning and challenging its total community — professional staff, students, and parents.

During the school year 1987-1988, St. Rose is putting emphasis on parent involvement. Parents, who are the primary teachers of their children, must work with school faculty and administrators to effect the holistic development of their youngsters. Children must be nurtured physically, psychologically, and spiritually as well as intellectually if they are to

succeed — not simply survive — in life.

St. Rose School, which has a clear statement of philosophy and objectives, offers educational practices which are consistent with its mission. It stresses the need for basic skills. It provides classroom experiences which contribute to a child's sense of personal integration. It recognizes the influence of parents over their children's educational process.

Clearly, St. Rose School welcomes the opportunity to serve the children of Newark. Knowing that theirs is an alternative school with a legacy of excellence, St. Rose staff and parents take great pride in their challenge to become.

CALL FOR HELP

Is your husband or boyfriend abusing you? You are not alone — it happens a lot. There's a number you can call 24 hours a day where people are available to help you explore your feelings and plans. All calls are kept confidential.

Don't let this situation continue. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE BEATEN!**

Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call PEACE at 226-6166.

NOW THERE IS HELP FOR YOU!

Thoughts To Share With St. Rose Parents

In one of his talks, Pope John Paul urged, "Be nobly proud of your heritage. Multiply it. Hand it on to future generations." The reaction of so many young people to the Pope's visit and message indicates that in many cases this has been done. Working together, the home and school could hold this as an ideal in their joint venture of educating those to whom parents have given life.

Often, parents, consciously or unconsciously, seem to hand over the entire responsibility for their children's religious education to the school. This situation is not so unusual. For example, when was the last time you helped your child with his/her religion homework? Or, when was the last time you thought about how you could help stimulate your child's growth in Christ? Probably not for a long time. The communication of the message of Christ to the next generation is the responsibility of all the faithful — clergy, laymen, teachers, and parents alike. Although the school can present the knowledge and indicate the habits and attitudes desired, these will have very little chance of "taking root" without the support of the home environment; without the constant participation of parents as mentors and role models in the on-going education process.

Parents are the most important religious educators their children will ever know. Parents must assume their rightful role as the primary educators of their children, not because they are first in time; they are primary because theirs is the foremost role in ensuring that children have the best possible religious and secular educational experience and that children are motivated to cooperate with these experiences.

What is it like to be a child? How do children react to adults who are bigger — louder — stronger than they are? "Sometimes when you meet your relatives," said one youngster, "with all the hugging and kissing, you think you're a lollipop." "When I feel bad about something," added another, "they make me feel worse." "They yell at you all the time. They are always talking."

The following are replays from a survey of 228 boys and girls, ages 8-12 who were asked how a father and mother should act towards their children:

"Treat all children with equal affection."

"Never lie to a child."

"There should be comradeship between grown-ups and children."

"Always answer questions. Never say, Don't bother me now."

"Don't blame or punish a child in the presence of their friends."

"Concentrate on a child's good points, not on his/her failings."

"Be constant in mood and affection."

Children expect a lot. They should be taken seriously. Sometimes their demands are unrealistic or even downright wrong. If so, they may need help to understand why. But youngsters can also show keen — even unnerving — perception. Parenthood, like childhood, should be an ongoing process. After all, parents

and children are only human. Being human is no excuse for giving up; it is an ever present affirmation of the need for mutual patience, understanding, and trust.

Growing up has its painful side and a considerable part of that pain lies in the relationship of child and parent. This seems to be unavoidable. Growing up is passing from tutelage to freedom. The parent has been the tutor, the manager, and the trainer. The first steps that the child takes towards freedom are steps away from management and the manager. It is dangerous for children to step out into the world without the aid of someone much wiser than they for they do not know how to use the newly-acquired freedom. Young people need some one with whom they can talk; someone who will treat them fairly. This is the task God has ordained for parents. When the teenager is going through the painful task of withdrawing from the family he/she is not retreating into a vacuum, but entering into the world in a much broader sense than ever before.

Children learn by imitation; abilities and traits are learned, not inherited. No child will use language better than that to which he/she is always listening — no child has racial feelings unless he/she has witnessed these reactions. It is important to know your child's companions and the places they frequent. When children enter their teens, parents are in for a series of heartaches; sometimes they are almost heart-breaks. The children seem to be strangers in your homes. They do not realize they are being ungrateful. The love you give to your children must be a free gift. Ultimately they will cherish it and return it.

An Overview Of Essex County College Chapter I Program

From the very beginning of this nation's founding, there has existed a dynamic tension between public education and education offered at institutions with religious affiliations. This tension reached new heights when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that compensatory education could not be offered on locale of parochial schools.

The problems generated by the Supreme Court ruling, brought the nine non-public (Catholic) schools, the Newark Board of Education and Essex County College into a unique partnership. It is a partnership that now has a new meaning for Chapter I and broadens the horizons of over 500 Newark parochial school children in grades K thru eight. While the concept of providing supplemental instruction in reading, writing and mathematics is not new, the involvement in an adult, college environment has many benefits for the children, their parents and other adults.

Now in its second academic year of operation, Chapter I services have grown extensively. The primary mandate of programming is to build academic competencies. This is accomplished through creative strategies based upon an interdisciplinary approach to instruction. Further, while expanding fundamental skills, the children move beyond a "traditional" scope and sequence of instruction to one which brings life to each child's frame of reference regarding the significance of their total educational experience. The College environment is very inspiring to the children and adds to their self-esteem. It also fosters a belief that attaining a college education is within their reach and for most of the children, going to college has become an impor-

tant part of their future plans.

Motivation is a critical educational tool which is an immeasurable dynamic of this program's success. According to students, they are elated about the exploratory methods of instruction afforded to them. Parents, too, have seen some growth in their children because of the additional support they are receiving on a weekly basis.

The children attend classes weekly and enthusiastically participate in an interdisciplinary model that incorporates Computerized Assisted Instruction, Basic Skills Through Art, Personal Health Care, Library Study Skills, Science (all specialty components) and a Newspaper in Education project. These specialty components are not treated as separate instructional units but instead are thoroughly integrated into an individual student improvement plan.

In order to achieve the objectives of an integrated program, team teaching is the model structure for all instructional staff. Consequently, in-service training is an on-going activity and provided primarily by instructional supervisors in addition to external resource people. Definitive examples of this interdisciplinary approach are showcased in the students' development of Chapter I Newspaper and video documentary.

The supportive and wholesome environment that has been provided for Chapter I children is testimony to the commitment we have all made towards a better education and future for Newark's children. Their presence on campus, learning beside adults and other children is an enriching experience for all.

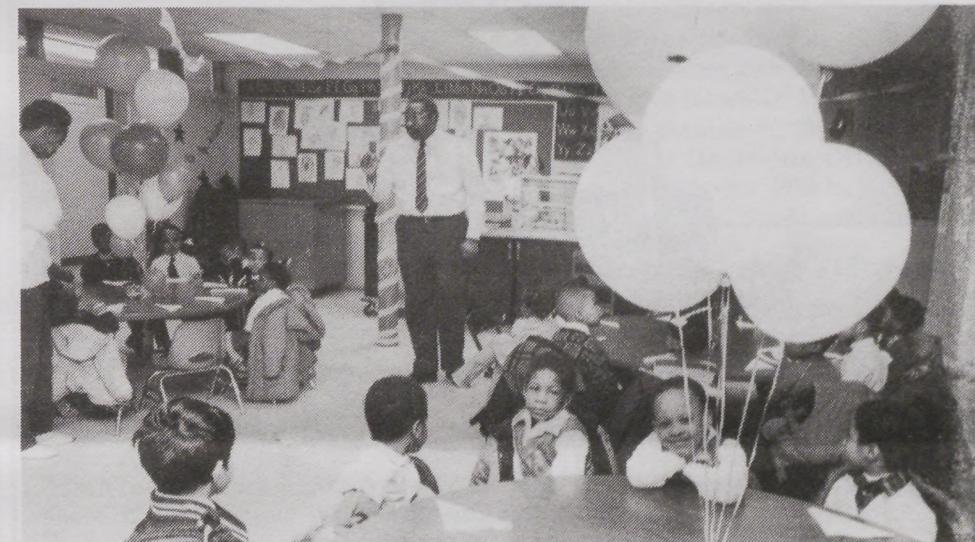
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Pre-Schoolers Introduced To St. Rose Kindergarten

What does one do in mid-winter with pre-schoolers who are rapidly approaching five years old? Answers: You present them with options for their future; introduce them to Kindergarten.

On Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, 1988, some twenty-two pre-schoolers from Babyland III were invited to a party hosted by the Kindergarten class at St. Rose of Lima School. This reception allowed an enthusiastic group of pre-schoolers to get to know the challenges and routines, as well as, the "Ins" and "Outs" of Kindergarten — the first big step of their formal education career. Some members of the group recognized many St. Rose's students who were enrolled in Babyland last year.

The Pre-schoolers took part in a lesson conducted by Mrs. Mattie Murray, the Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Emily Ross, Music instructor. Later at a reception in the cafeteria, Sr. Clare Terrance, O.S.P. gave to each child an orientation packet consisting of items needed for a successful year in Kindergarten and important brochures with information for parents. As an extension of their tour, the Babyland III group visited Babyland II at St. Rose of Lima. Reluctant to leave, the group was persuaded to return to the cafeteria to



St. Rose of Lima School Principal Arthur Wilson acquaints Babyland preschoolers with Kindergarten life.

receive balloons before boarding the bus for the return trip to Babyland III.

Kindergarten registration for September, 1988, begins in February. As a follow-up to the Babyland visit, Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal, extended to children's parents an invitation to a Home-School Association meeting which took place later in the week. It was an opportunity for prospective Kindergarten parents to get to know us as did their children earlier.

Saturday, February 27, 1988

7:30 P.M.

Westside High School
403 So. Orange Ave.

KISS FM
vs.
NCC ALL STARS

Notes From Babyland: Early Years

I have been asked to review some of the topics in child rearing that might be of interest to parents and grandparents. The grandmother has often been called upon to help rear the grandchild; and this is more so, when both the parents are working or continuing their education.

Rearing children during infancy and early childhood is not easy. They command so much of your time but their response to love and attention makes it worthwhile. The early years are relatively simple. Infants love being loved; they thrive on it. Denial of this is a sadness — they become fretful or excessively quiet and eventually withdraw and reject any communication.

Chemotherapy Caution

A word of caution. If one of the grandparents is on chemotherapy for cancer and is receiving immuno-suppressive drugs; and the infant is receiving his oral polio series, the immuno-suppressed patient can pick up the live polio virus from the stool. One must wash their hands immediately after changing the infant. The immuno-suppressive drugs destroy the acquired immunities that adults have developed since childhood.

It is often said that infants have immunity to all diseases in the early period of their life. This is not true. They do receive a temporary passive protection for several months to childhood diseases that the mother had, or from immunization the mother has received; but there is no immunity to colds, virus infection, diarrhea, vomiting virus, etc. I have always advised parents to gate the

room where the infant is, to keep older children away from the infant when they have a "cold," etc.

The care of a mildly sick infant is standard. If fever, Tylenol liquid. The most important thing is fluids. This is in the form of sugar water, Pedialyte, or half-strength formula.

I am sure all of you can recognize a sick infant. Medical care is indicated for persistent fever, vomiting, diarrhea, particularly if bloody. The refusal to take and hold fluids, inability to be aroused require immediate medical help.

Some illnesses in the first year of life are not so obvious. Urinary tract infections are more common in little girls particularly before being toilet trained because of the close proximity between the anus and vagina. The only symptoms might be irritability and fever. A simple urinalysis will confirm the diagnosis.

There is another common illness in infants, usually occurring after six months. It is a viral infection called Roseola. Another name for it is "Surprise Rash" because it comes as a surprise to both the parent and the doctor. It presents as intermittent fever for three days, followed by a break in fever, followed by a rash. There is no treatment for it and the rash begins to fade within 24 hours.

(More Next Month)

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Dr. Kearney is Medical Director of Babyland Nurseries, and the New Community Extended Care Facility and is a member of the faculty of UMDNJ. He is also the father of nine children himself and writes from much experience.

Behind The Shelter Door — A Christmas Miracle

Christmas is always a miracle at Babyland's Family Violence Program. It is a miracle brought about by the extreme generosity and thoughtfulness of so many people, that affects women and children who are homeless and in crisis.

For many weeks in preparation for Christmas, office workers from various corporations are collecting funds to purchase gifts for our children. Churches display "Giving Trees" from which parishioner take gift tags with a shelter resident's first name and age on it. Each parishioner then purchases an appropriate gift for that person and places it under the "Giving Tree." The Toys for Tots program donates new and used toys for our children who would not otherwise experience Christmas. Instead of "pulling names" and exchanging gifts with each other, women's groups use the money to buy gifts for the women and children in our shelter, as well as food and decorations.

Individual families hold Christmas parties for the neighborhood children and the admission requirement is a gift for a child their own age which is then given to the shelter.

Again this year, the results were overwhelming.

Early Christmas morning I had to encourage the women to gather their children together and come downstairs. When the mothers finally did arrive in the living room, they found it quite different from the way

they had left it the night before.

Each chair and sofa was piled high with brightly wrapped gifts for every woman and child. The women's eyes were wide as they watched their children rip off the wrappings. Dolls, trucks, clothes, footballs, stuffed animals, building blocks — even teething rings appeared everywhere. The children were screaming and giggling.

The women finally began to open their own gifts while murmuring phrases like "I never expected this" and "I can't believe it." They showed off their gifts to each other amid smiles and a few tears.

We were blessed to have been able to share a beautiful Christmas morning together.

I am personally full of gratitude for those who made all of this possible:
Sacred Heart Parish Family,
Lyndhurst, New Jersey
Junior Women's Club of West Essex

Junior Women's Club of Maplewood
Elmwood Presbyterian Church
Operating Nurses of New Jersey
Zonta Club of Newark
Suburban Essex Business and Professional Women

Saint James Episcopal Church,
Upper Montclair
Saint Teresa Parish, Summit,
New Jersey
Schlott Realtors
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For Black History Month – A Living Legend

As we celebrate "Black History Month" this February, let us all remember to pay tribute to the memory of all the men and women of color who, as members of the military fought and died to help preserve and protect our nation's liberty and freedom.

Military service has been a time honored tradition of the Afro American, dating as far back as the Revolutionary War. General George Washington had 5,000 black troops under his command, two of whom, were in the same rowboat with Washington when he crossed the Delaware River in the surprise attack on the Hessian soldiers who were celebrating Christmas.

Mr. William O. Layton, was a member of the all black 369th Fighting Infantry Regiment of World War I. The 369th was originally the 15th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guards. Mr. Layton, is one of only four remaining survivors of the original group of 2,000 men, belonging to the most decorated American unit in World War I.

While serving in the infantry as a private and bugler at the age of 17, Mr. Layton fought in five major battles: The Battle of Verdun, the Meuse De Argonne Front of the Champagne Sector in Marne, France and the Somme Offensives.

Private Layton was wounded during the last drive of the Champagne engagement.

Recently, Mr. Layton gave the following account of how he was wounded:

"Part of the regiment, being led by Captain Hamilton Fish, (Father of U.S. Congressman Hamilton Fish and cousin of Governor Thomas Kean) was advancing very rapidly against the enemy. Information had been received that the advancing troops were being led into a trap by the Germans, who planned to attack them on both the right and left flanks, in order to annihilate them. Private Layton was ordered by one Captain Outwater to give Captain Fish a message warning him to stop, because of the trap, and to hold what ground they had already taken, because of the ensuing German counter-attack.

Just before he reached the group the Germans began to lay down an artillery barrage. He (Pvt. Layton), was subsequently blown off a hill while climbing along the banks of the Muese River. Despite being wounded from shrapnel from the artillery burst near him, he managed to crawl the rest of the way to deliver the message, which allowed Captain Fish to order his troops to stop and hold the ground."

Private Layton was sent to a hospital in southern France, where he was treated for shrapnel wounds and gas poisoning. After his recovery, he returned to his company and to the front lines, for Company L's last engagement, the liberation of the French city of Metz, located on the Rhine River, where the war ended with the signing of the Armistice.

For his heroic action, Pvt. Layton received France's highest military honor – the French Croix De Guerre medal, the Purple Heart, the Five Star Victory Medal, the Victory Medal from the State of New Jersey

and the United States Victory Medal.

After returning to the United States, to Camp Upton, New York, and while waiting to be separated from the service on February 19, 1919, his Croix De Guerre was stolen.

This writer was instrumental in helping Mr. Layton obtain another Croix De Guerre through the efforts of N.J. Congressman Peter W. Rodino, who petitioned the French government on his behalf. The second medal was presented to him at an elaborate ceremony in the Newark City Council Chambers, arranged by this writer on Tuesday, April 17, 1984. The medal was presented to Mr. Layton by Col. Roger Cestac, President of the French Officers Association on behalf of the French Government. In attendance was the French Color Guard.

Mr. Layton was to receive another medal from the French Government, the "Medal of Merit." On Tuesday,

April 21, 1987, the medal was presented to Mr. Layton, Mr. Hayward Butt, the Honorable Hamilton Fish and Mr. James Jones, the only known survivors of the famous regiment. The medal was given in appreciation of their participation in the war.

The presentation was made aboard a French helicopter ship that was docked in New York Harbor, and sent to the United States to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Armistice and to thank the 369th. The men were given full military honors aboard the ship, followed by a reception that was attended by military personnel and dignitaries from both governments.

Later, that same evening the men were toasted at an elaborate dinner given by the French Consulate high atop the UN Plaza Hotel.

Mr. Layton stated during an interview, that he recalls vividly the tough

However, since no American units wanted to fight along with them, they were assigned to labor details, unloading ships. After three months, they complained to their Commander Col. Haywood, that they were fighting men and if they could not be put into battle, they would prefer to be sent home.

Since the British and the French had lost over a million men in the war, the regiment was sent to the aid of the French Fourth Army.

Mr. Layton also recalls bitterly, the statement made by the General of the Army "Black" Jack Pershing, who ordered the white troops not to praise the black in battle and told the French not to socialize with them.

He also remembers being shipwrecked three times before reaching France. The first time was due to engine trouble, the second time the ship caught fire and the third time, the ship had a hole in its side, caused by a British tanker that crashed into its side on a foggy night. The men of the 369th repaired the ship allowing it to continue on its way to France.

He returned to the United States on February 19, 1919 and was discharged on February 22, 1919.

After his discharge, he pursued a career as a professional painter and Interior Decorator.

Mr. Layton is the father of twelve children, five of whom served in the United States Military. Two of his sons served in the Army, two in the Navy and one daughter served in the Women's Army Corps. during World War II.

Still active, Mr. Layton is a member of the American Legion Guyton Callahan Post #152; the Albert Harvey Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2739; and the New Jersey Chapter of the 369th Regiment Association.

He is a retired United States Civil Service Employee of the Veterans Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey.

He was a founding member of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Newark, in 1930, and is presently serving on the Board of Deacons.

By James E. DuBose
Public Relations Officer,
NJ Chapter 369th V.A.



Congressman Peter Rodino beams as William Layton finally wears his Croix de Guerre. Col. Roger Cestac (R) and Mrs. Layton (L) share his joy.



Private Layton 69 years ago, at age 19.

times the unit suffered because of racial prejudices. For example, while the 369th along with an all white regiment from Alabama was preparing to board a troop ship headed for France, the Alabamians who resented the 369th, learned that the 369th soldiers, were unarmed. With this knowledge, they, the Alabamians planned to kill if not all, most of the black soldiers at night. A regiment of white soldiers from New York heard of the Alabamian plans and gave guns to the members of the 369th. Their white officer, Captain Hamilton Fish, issued orders to the 369th to fight back if attacked and to shoot if fired upon. When Captain Fish told the southerners that they would fight a war right on ship, the Alabamians cancelled their plans.

The hostility remained constant and started up again, when they arrived at St. La'Zaire, France. The United States Marines, also resented the 369th, and they began to kill black soldiers, one by one. Members of the 369th retaliated; when a black was found dead, they killed a white.

Because of their refusal to sit back and be killed by other Americans the U.S. commanders accused the men of the 369th of being bloodthirsty, and thereby ordered the 369th to the front lines, "since they liked to fight."

Lest We Forget

It is never too late to say thank you, and this heartfelt thank you goes out to Ida Fletcher and her staff for their most generous way of saying "I love you all and care deeply."

Those of us who attended the lovely Thanksgiving dinner held at the Twenty Grand Lounge in November are still talking about it.

We would also like to send our compliments to the cooks for the really delicious meal. We had the traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and more! Enough could not be done to accommodate our every whim. The people that helped were the epitome of courtesy.

Oldie but goodies records invited a lot of reminiscing. There were three prizes awarded for the dance contest to Bessie Newberry, Rosa Ford and Hazel Matheis.

God bless you, Ida.

N.C.C. Seniors,
Handicapped and Disabled

Defensive Driving Skills Taught

A Defensive Driving Course is being held by New Community, designed to enable its drivers to have a better understanding of methods of avoiding accidents.

Not all accidents are avoidable, but when a driver learns to take a defensive mode his chances of being involved in an accident are greatly reduced. Films are shown giving detailed explanations of methods used to avoid specific situations.

Sgt. John Jackson of New Community Security and Mr. Milton Taylor, NCC Director of Transportation are the class instructors. To qualify as instructors Johnson and Taylor attended a course given by the New Jersey Safety Council and passed the special test it gave.

Using their instruction manual they cover each segment of the course, backing up oral information with a visual flip chart containing illustrations (in addition to the previously mentioned film).



Instructor Sgt. John Jackson fields a question from one of his defensive driving students during the course.

Security Corner

Officer Of Month

The Security Department of New Community Corporation is very proud to select Security Officer Joyce Streeter as "Officer Of The Month," for January, 1988.

Security Officer Streeter is permanently assigned to the New Community Commons Senior building, located at 140 South Orange Avenue.

She joined the NCC Security Force in July, 1983. Since that time she has maintained an excellent attendance record and has seldom been late reporting for duty whatever the assignment.

Officer Streeter is a very mild, even tempered individual, who has earned the respect of the residents, managers and colleagues alike and the reputation of being a very conscientious and loyal worker.

Mrs. Lemora Reese, the manager of the building, said that Officer Streeter is a very dedicated worker.

Officer Streeter is a member of the Essex Temple #42 of the New Jersey Elks IBPEOW (Improvement Benevolent Protection Elks of the World). She was a Past Daughter Ruler of Council #1 "Pride of Newark." Lodge #93, 176 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ. Her duty was to preside over the initiation of newly admitted

Instructors and drivers do a lot of active communicating. Through this participation of the drivers many erroneous ideas surface and are corrected via explanations by the instructors.

The course consists of a total of eight hours in two sessions. The exam at the end must be passed in order to drive an NCC vehicle and everyone who now drives for NCC must attend this course.

Presently it is being given to members of the security department, central maintenance, Extended Care Facility, Babyland and the NCC Health Care Center.

The program began on January 5th, 1988; so far 36 people have taken the course.

It will be repeated during the month of February for other employees.

Oscar Duran, Jr.
Coordinator

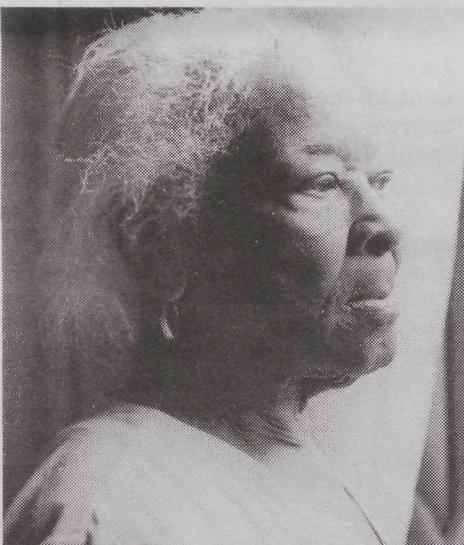


His Memory Has A Lesson

Recie Plunkett, who has lived in the same third floor apartment at Douglass-Harrison since 1945 now has to use a walker and wear a leg brace when she goes out. It is becoming increasingly difficult for her to negotiate the three flights of stairs.

One day, when a NCC Social Service worker was visiting, the topic of transferring to one of the NCC Senior Buildings came up. "That would be fine." Ms. Plunkett said, gesturing towards the window, but I hate to leave my nephew."

Therein lies the tale. Ms. Plunkett's



Recie Plunkett gazes at her nephew's monument (R) from her apartment window.

nephew, Archie Callahan does not live at Douglass-Harrison as one would conclude from his aunt's comment.

In the grassy area between the brick buildings is a large Memorial Stone in honor of the first black man from New Jersey to be killed at Pearl Harbor, Archie Callahan.

As a baby he came to Newark from South Carolina. His mother, Ms. Plunkett's sister, died when he was

two and a half. Archie graduated from Central High School, joined the Navy, and was assigned to the USS Oklahoma. He was 19. You know the rest of the story.

His aunt reminisces: "Archie was a very nice boy...not that I'm bragging...he wasn't the type to get into any kind of trouble."

Every year on Pearl Harbor Day there is a Memorial Service at Archie's Marker. "When they put the wreath on the stone, sometimes I go down, sometimes I just look out the window," says Ms. Plunkett.

Occasionally she tries to make up her mind to move, but "I feel just like home here," she says. There are lots of memories. Her mother died in the living room of her apartment in 1956, and Archie's father lived on Somerset Street at Douglass-Harrison until he died.

It would be wonderful if all the "very nice boys" who have ever been killed in the service of their country were so fondly and faithfully remembered. It would be more wonderful still if we would learn from their deaths to keep all our young people alive in a world of peace.



S/O Streeter is presented a plaque in acknowledgement of her accomplishments by Mrs. Soledad Alston, a member of the NCC Board of Trustees.

members.

Her sensitivity in the care of the elderly was one of the reasons Joyce joined a group in the Elks, whose responsibility was to visit the older members who were shutins or in nursing homes. She would also bring the

older members to organization meetings and various functions, as well as help them with their shopping.

By her concerned actions Officer Streeter sets a fine example for all to follow.

NCC Youth Program

Members of the NCC Youth Program, will celebrate Black History Month in February, 1988, by visiting the Shomborg Museum, located at 515 Lenox Avenue, Harlem, New York. The Shomborg is the largest Black Museum in the nation.

The youth will be accompanied by their advisors: Jim Rohrman, NCC Systems Analyst; Security Officer, Amin Muhammad and James DuBose, Director of Security.

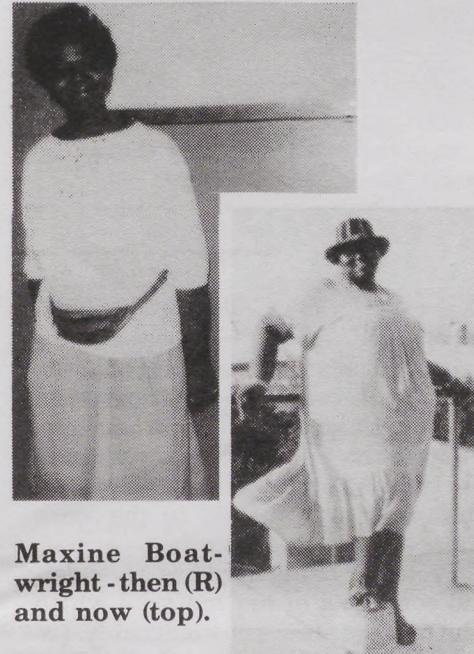
According to Director DuBose, the purpose of the trip, as in previous ones, is to instill a sense of pride and self esteem in our young people through awareness.

Hopefully the youth will be so inspired that they will strive to become better achievers, especially after seeing on display, the history of members of their race who have accomplished so much with so little in the hardest of times.

After touring the museum, and time permitting, the youth will be taken on a tour through the colorful and historic "Harlem."

This is a success story. As with most such stories the "secret" of this success is dedication, determination and lots of hard work. Ms. Maxine Boatwright, New Beginnings Spa Member of the Year, had all of these factors going for her, but more important, lots of another necessary ingredient...support. Here is her story.

"The Weight Watchers lecture said at the scale as I weighed in in December 1986, '399½ pounds.' I said 'What! Are you sure?' She then showed me and I decided 'That's really it!' I had never reached this much. The most I had ever weighted was 389½ and after that time, I had lost 98½ pounds, thought I was looking good



Maxine Boatwright - then (R) and now (top).

and then put ALL those pounds and more back on to my already obese body. Besides 399½ pounds was 400 pounds in my eyes."

Ms. Boatwright only weighed 8.2 pounds at birth, but she gained weight rapidly in her early childhood. She was 80 pounds at 4 years of age and 150 pounds at 10. This never really interfered with her activity because she refused to let it; she took

gym, danced and stayed active which is why she feels she hasn't developed diabetes which runs in her family.

But at 301½ pounds and 42 years of age, Maxine's life as a fat person really began to take a downward turn. She would always be depressed about not having real male companionship and the thought of all that poundage pushed the possibility of ever finding someone even farther away. At 42 years of age and 301½ pounds she developed psoriasis. Her knees started to ache upon going up and down the stairs at work and she virtually "blacked out" at least three times that year. Add to that the horrible leg cramps she experienced some nights.

Finally it became apparent to her that if she wanted to live a little bit longer and be healthier, she had to make some very quick decisions.

"On January 29, 1987, I decided to strictly follow my diet because it was a matter of my life or my death," she related. Ms. Boatwright followed her diet religiously — no cheating whatsoever — and on May 4, 1987, she joined our New Beginnings Spa weighing in at 301 pounds.

Ms. Boatwright embarked on a regular physical fitness program that was individually designed for her. She was told by Mr. Keith McCain, Spa fitness consultant, that in order for the program to work, she not only had to come at least three times a week but she would also have to exercise at home while watching television or cleaning the house. Moving around was the key to it all.

Following this program was not easy because Ms. Boatwright had never used any of the weight equipment before. However, "where there's a will, there's a way." With the help of all of the New Beginnings Spa Staff, she was able to lose 48½ inches and 87 pounds by December 8, 1987. "They really were very patient with me in their aerobic classes and on the machines," said the spunky member.

Just think of it! When she began New Beginnings Spa in May, she could hardly use the weight machines, walk on the treadmill at 1.5, or ride the Lifecycle for two minutes, and she had never attempted any aerobics.

Now she can use all of the machines effectively, walk on the treadmill between 3.0 and 3.5, ride the Lifecycle for an average of 12 minutes each

workout and she can at least finish an aerobics class at her own pace. And she is still losing weight.

"Thank you again to the New Beginnings Staff for all of your moral support," said Ms. Boatwright recently.

We were really happy to be of help to Ms. Boatwright as she began her renewed life.

Vernette E. Harris

A Life Renewed

God Gifted Hands

He creates with his hands. Owen Parris, a former student of St. Rose of Lima School began working with Mrs. Emily Ross, a few years before he graduated, creating sets for the various stage productions presented at the school. Upon graduation, Owen was accepted into Arts High School

The sets are designed and built by the hands of Owen Parris. Seeing a stage come alive with one of his sets is something to behold.

When credits are announced after a performance, it is difficult to get Owen to appear on the stage, for he is as modest as he is talented. Owen



Surrounded by the stage set he designed, Owen Parris sits for his portrait.

majoring in Art. There he became involved in the many areas of art.

The teachers at Arts High were able to both guide and channel his creativity. Recognizing his talent, Owen was selected to work on set design at Arts High for their drama productions. Though Owen has gone on to bigger and better things, he can still find the time to come back to St. Rose to work on each program that is presented.

is presently attending Irvington Tech, majoring in Electrical Engineering, another plus for him, since he enjoys working behind the scenes.

We at St. Rose of Lima wish Owen the best in the field which he decides to pursue. May his creativity continue to flourish.

Mrs. Emily Ross
Music Directress — St. Rose

Fire Safety Lecture At NC Douglas Homes

Typical of the informative programs scheduled in the community room at Douglas Homes was the lecture given on January 13th by Louise Jarrett of the Newark Fire Prevention Department. Mrs. Jarrett spoke about the common causes of fire, stressing to the tenants the importance of never leaving anything cooking on the stove while they were out of their apartment. She emphasized the danger of having extension cords running under carpets and of frayed cords. Disconnecting all appliances is a safety measure preventing the spread of an electrical fire in a storm.

Although the building is equipped with safety devices: smoke alarms, water sprinklers and fire extinguishers, much of the safety depends on each individual knowing what to do to prevent fires and what to do in the event of a fire occurring.

False alarms need to be controlled, but whenever the fire alarm rings attention must be paid to it. Mrs. Jarrett recommended fire drill pro-

cedures and knowledgeability in handling fire extinguishers.

Her response to all the questions raised, enabled the tenants to feel more confident and competent in regard to fire safety regulations.



Louise Jarrett clarifies the uses of fire safety devices.

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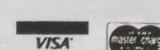
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After School Program Benefits From Donation

Educational Aids Donated

The NCC After School Program began 1988 with the help of three new teaching machines and one reading pacer which were donated by Mr. Alva Drakes, regional manager of the **Educational Aids Publishing Co. Inc.**, Clifton, N.J. to the sites at 220 Bruce Street and at St. Rose of Lima School. The new machines are to be used to help children in the After School Program improve their reading skills and comprehension, as well as help children who are just beginning to read and learn the basic points of reading. The machines can be used for all subjects such as spelling, math, etc. We thank Mr. Drakes for his generous donation.

Celebration Of Reading

In other news, After school children will be participating in the 4th annual Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

program Celebration of Reading 1988 from February 14-February 28. This 2 week program is designed to encourage youngsters to read for pleasure and become independent readers by allowing them to select their own books and keep track of their reading time. The After School Program will then select a RIF Reader for 1988 to represent NCC at the national level. The winner at the National Level will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

Students Of Month

Finally, After School Program students of the month for January were Shanee Dozier, a second grader at Newton Street School, Omar Brown, also a second grader at Newton Street and Shawn Wright a fifth grader at Newton Street. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Thomas Mannard

These Walls Do Talk

The awards covering the walls of her home tell the story of the full life lived by Georgia born Charlie Pearl Cameron of NC Roseville. A life of community outreach through fundraising for the youth, and service and dedication to senior citizens and church community. Charlie fondly remembers all the people and the circumstances memorialized by the plaques, which highlight her ninety years of "trying to do the right things and be with the right people at the right time."

The oldest plaque on the wall dates back to 1957, and names Mrs. Cameron an honorary citizen of Father Flannigan's Boy's town. Five

shine Tele-Service Program merited a plaque in 1978 from the Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority. A plaque of appreciation from the National Council of Senior Citizens in 1980 marks the years that this competent and concerned individual served as secretary in the Senior Center at Full Neighborhood House on Boyd Street.

While an employee at North Jersey Clinic from 1965 to 1975, Mrs. Cameron worked out of Hayes Project and volunteered her services after hours. A Certificate of Award from the Newark Senior Citizen's Commission "Golden Age Project" recognizes that generosity and community



Charlie Cameron is dwarfed by a plaque-laden wall commemorating her achievements.

other plaques commemorate her for soliciting funds for the Boy's Club of Newark from 1971 to 1982. Being an only girl in a family of five boys piqued Mrs. Cameron's interest in supporting the Boy's Club she said.

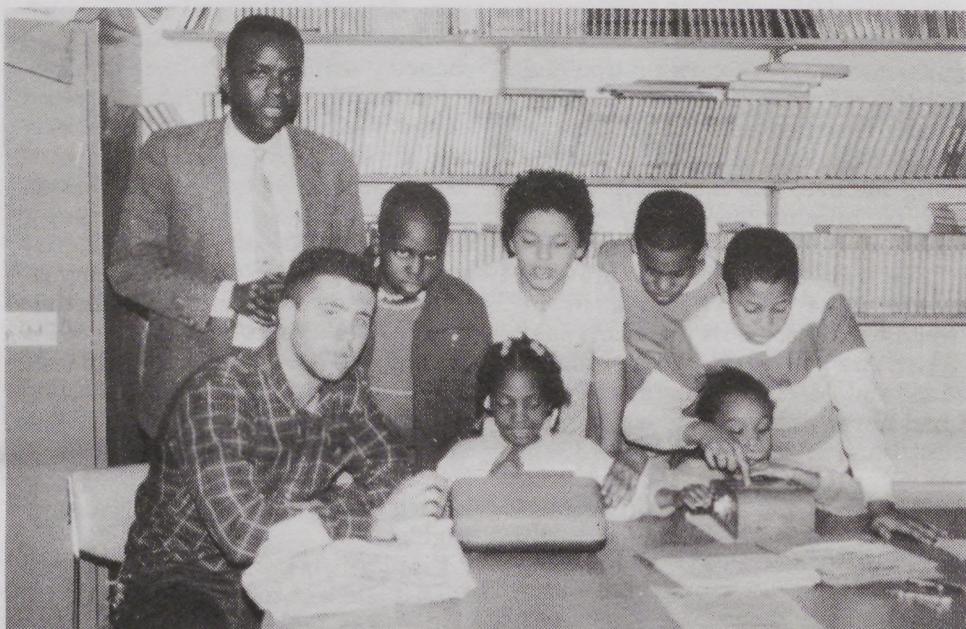
Another group of plaques received between 1975 and 1984 commend Mrs. Cameron for her outstanding service to the Trinity U.A.M.E. Church where she served as choir member and president of the Flower Guild.

Her volunteer service in the Sun-

mindedness.

Another testimony of her ongoing interest in growth and development is a certificate recognizing Mrs. Cameron's completion of the first phase of the program leading to an associate of science degree in Gerontology given in 1974 from the North Jersey Community Union.

One of her last plaques given in 1983 by the Board of Trustees of United Community Corporation seems to aptly sum up Mrs. Cameron's involvement by ap-



Alva Drakes (standing, L) and Thom Mannard (seated, L) help After-School Programmers familiarize themselves with the new teaching machines, which were donated through Mr. Drakes' efforts.

All For You

No two days are the same at the NCC Social Services Office at 220 Bruce Street. The common denominator is that many and varied things happen there daily, and numerous people are served.

The most obvious aspect of NCC Social Services is quantity. Each staff member is concerned about reaching more people on more occasions, offering more programs and more benefits. Of course, being able to do this requires attendance at more meetings.

Quantity is not the only consideration of the Social Services staff. Their main concern is that the quality of their services be consistently good and continuously improving.

To this end, almost all members of the department gather on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30 with Pro-

plauding her "devotion, sensitivity and dedication to the Newark Community."

The last plaque on her wall was received this past Christmas from a good friend, Lenny Seward, who presented Mrs. Cameron with a "Special Mom Award." It reads,

"For respecting what I've become, even if it isn't what you had in mind.

For accepting me as a mature human being with a mind of my own.

For loving and supporting me in spite of all my shortcomings.

For providing me with more security than any other love can offer.

You are truly a SPECIAL MOM!

Special is the word for this woman. A glance at her bookcase reveals a broad scope of interest and a wholesome personality. Her Collection includes the **New Testament**, a **Hymnal**, a **Comprehensive Dictionary**, **English Grammar and Composition**, **Hidden Power for Human Problems**, the **Autobiography of Malcolm X**, **Double Your Energy and Live Without Fatigue**, **The Big Sea** by Langston Hughes, **Sartre's No Exit** and **The Negro Pilgrimage in America**.

Lamenting that her body is getting weaker, Mrs. Cameron says "I'm not

professor Mamie Bridgeford, Chairwoman of the Social Services Department of Essex County College, to consider the more theoretical and academic aspects of Human Services.

Up to the minute developments in the field of Social Work are presented, discussed and applied to the work done at New Community.

Professor Bridgeford has a wonderful command of her material which she presents in a knowledgeable, engaging, entertaining and challenging manner. Her dedication to this class goes beyond the call of duty. Rumor has it that the final three sessions will be double headers, to make up for missed classes.

So, when you see the lights at the Social Services office burning far into the night remember — "They do it all for you."

growing now." Confinement to a wheelchair for the last six years due to muscular deterioration has not been easy for this outgoing woman; wheelchair transportation services are limited.

Mrs. Cameron still serves on the executive board at North Jersey Community Center and looks forward to attending any meetings.

Despite the problem with transportation she is presently seeking a volunteer position at NCC Day Care or Extended Care. Charlie doesn't want to remain homebound!

Reflecting on her life, Charlie muses:

"I live for those who love me
Whose hearts are kind and true;
For the heaven that smiles above
me

And the good that I can do."

—And that's a lot!

Sister Kathleen Coll

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Our Dream Is A Bus

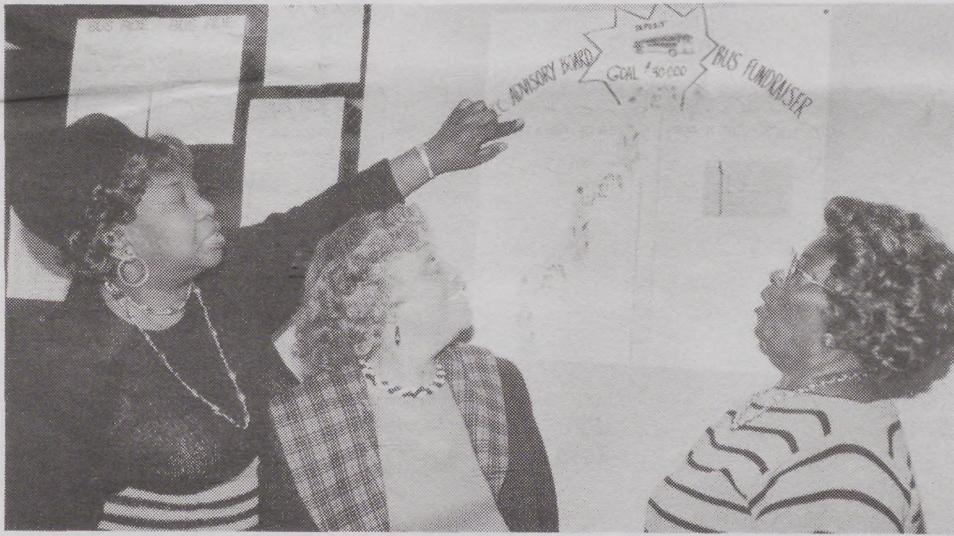
Helen Vaughn, Rosa Rivers, and Phyllis Burton of the NCC Advisory Board for Seniors, Handicapped and Disabled proudly view the chart indicating the \$8,500 savings in the Credit Union towards the down payment of a comfortable lift-equipped bus for NCC trips. The project was initiated by the Senior Advisory Board and the fund raising is carried out by all the buildings, with families included.

The goal of \$30,000 is a commitment reflecting the Advisory Board's

willingness to do their part working to attain what they need. The bus is a symbol of all that seems too great, beyond reach or impossible to attain. The \$30,000 is only the beginning of the negotiations to purchase the bus.

Yet, with faith and determination this industrious group proceeds forward with its fund-raising events knowing that God helps those who help themselves. The dream will come true for those who work to make it happen.

Sister Kathleen Coll



Helen Vaughn (L), Phyllis Burton (C) and Rosa Rivers check on progress being made in their bus fundraising efforts.

Nabisco Recipe For Happy Students

Every student at Newton Street School will start the New Year off with a shiny new book bag, provided by the cookie people — Nabisco.

Mr. Bruce Jahnson, Vice President of Corporate Facilities at Nabisco has taken a special liking to Newton students, donating treats of some sort every year, which they look forward to eagerly.

A very Special Thanks also to Mr. Owen Lewis a teacher of Special

Education at the Newton School and an employee of Nabisco, whose dual role brought the needs of Newton's students to the attention of Mr. Jahnson.

It is the thoughtfulness and community concern of large corporations like Nabisco that give children here in Newark hope that they have not been forgotten.

Thanks so much, Mr. Jahnson and Nabisco.



Principal Willie Thomas is pleased with his students' good fortune.

THE CHEF'S CORNER

The holiday season has come and gone but I'm sure it has left its mark on many in the form of extra poundage. Now we have to try to get rid of it. But you really do not have to go to a stark and unsavory diet to do that. Here's a dish that is still festive and yet not as rich as those you've had over the holidays.

VEAL SCALLOPINI MARSALA

For One

4 oz. veal (3 pieces, pound them)
2 mushrooms, sliced

1 oz. dry marsala wine
1 oz. hot chicken stock
2 ozs. butter (or 1 oz. if you use non-stick pan)
Salt and pepper to taste

Dust veal very lightly in flour. Sauté in melted butter quickly on both sides. Add mushrooms. Cook for a few minutes. Add chicken stock and marsala wine. Serve immediately.

BON APPETIT!

Joe Rodriguez

Remembering The King

When Maude Jones, President of the Senior Citizen Club of NC Associates (180), received two turkeys from a private benefactor through John Bins, she knew, immediately, what she would do with them.

Thus, on January 16th, Martin Luther King's birthday and a day when the Nutrition Site was closed, the Senior Citizen Club of 180 served a delicious, free meal to a large group of seniors and other guests. Each member rounded out the meal by contributing different dishes to make the meal complete. It was impressive to see the members serve the

meal in crisp, white uniforms, treating each person with dignity and respect.

Maude Jones spoke reminiscently of King, and all those gathered in his honor recalled one of his special sayings:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others." Martin Luther King



Members of the 180 Senior Citizens Club proudly serve a free meal.

NC Manor Families

Happy New Year to each and everyone young and old. The season gone by was very rewarding for NCC and many of our families. We pray the New Year will be more prosperous and rewarding as well as giving and sharing. Speaking of giving, the Tenants' Association at NC Manor Families, 225 Hunterdon Street gave the Extended Care Facility a much appreciated VCR. We also sang Christmas carols at the Extended Care Facility, but the big fun was watching the expression on the residents' faces as they lit up like lights on a Christmas tree when they heard us. We felt so overwhelmed and filled with joy. Enjoy both the gifts, seniors, with blessings and pleasure.

A special thanks from parents and children at 225 for the wonderful gifts

and parties put together by the Tenants' Association.

Let's start the New Year off right with Praise and Honor to God praying for the best for everyone in this New Year filled with fun, excitement, and New Year's resolutions that will work.

Now for the future events. The Tenants' Association at Manor Facilities is sponsoring a bus ride to Atlantis Casino in Atlantic City on February 14. Tickets are still available.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Tenants' Association at 225 for welcoming me to the staff and working with me so effectively. I hope to continue working hard. Thank you one and all.

Delores Johnson
Publicity Manager

A CHANGE OF PACE



ST. JOSEPH PLAZA
233 W. Market Street
Newark, N.J.

Relax in the quaint atmosphere of the Atrium in St. Joseph's Plaza. Enjoy a delicious buffet including chilled wine, beer and many of your other favorite drinks.

For your listening pleasure piano selections by Curtis Watkins accompanied by Emily Ross, vocalist.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL
From 4:30 P.M. until 10 P.M.
SCRUMPTIOUS BUFFET

Cash Bar

International Night Reveals Diverse Cultures Of St. Rose Parishioners

On Friday, January 22nd, St. Rose School Auditorium had the proverbial packed house. International Night brought the parish network together for an evening of fun and entertainment.

The auditorium stage and hall were festooned with flags and decorations of many nations. Food, punch, and soda were supplied by Babyland, NCC, Priory Restaurant, and many generous parishioners and friends. A Hofbrau Haus was erected for the dispensing of genuine German lager on tap. Several special dishes were entered in a food-tasting contest which boasted ten judges.

A highlight of the evening was a fashion show. This visual delight featured the dress of several countries. In attire from Peru, Sri Lanka, Liberia, and the Phillipines, ladies floated gracefully across the stage to model their native costumes.

A talent show and subsequent entertainment gave the evening musical moments which delighted the audience of 600.

Thank-yous for the memorable evening are richly deserved. The planning committee, decoration committee, food committee, talent group, entertainment group, judges and a very responsive audience are to be congratulated.

**Next Celebration
Night Of Prayer
Friday, February 19
Prayer - Our Cultural Heritage**



Dazeline Duncan (L) and Garmai Weh make a striking pair in their native Liberian costumes.

International Night Winners

FOOD COMPETITION

Ruby Marshall, 1st Prize - Mississippi Bread Pudding; Burnell Williams, 2nd Prize - Barbecued Pigs Feet; Mary Conyers, 3rd Prize - Egyptian String Beans

TALENT COMPETITION

Cynthia Wiggins, 1st Prize - Negro Spiritual; Stacey Stewart, 2nd Prize - Poetry Reading; Melissa Pierre/Erika Smith, 3rd Prize - Hot Look Dancers



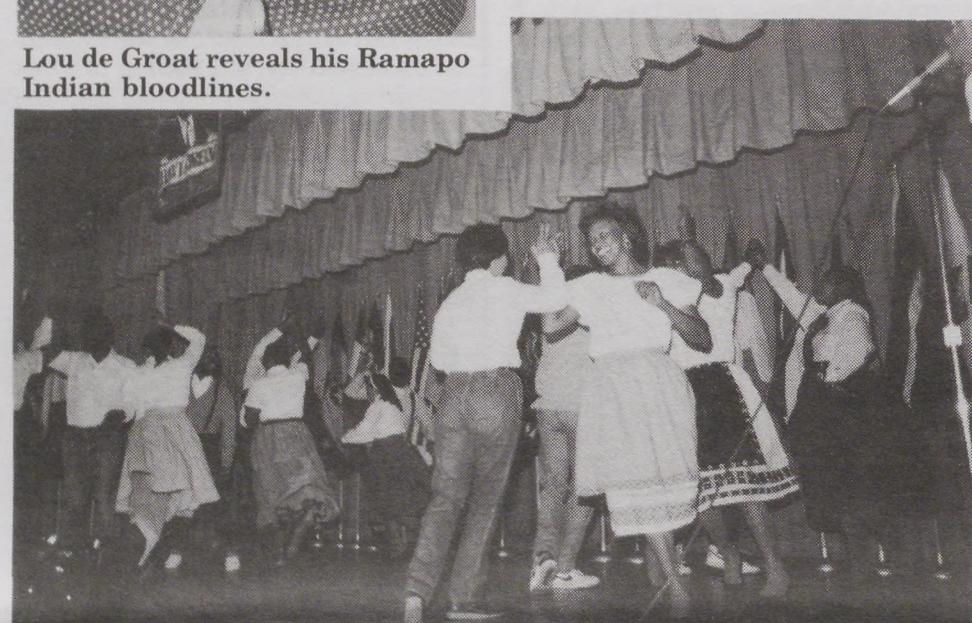
Barkeeper Jim Rohrman has no problem keeping busy.



Lou de Groat reveals his Ramapo Indian bloodlines.



Melissa Pierre and Erika Smith dance their way to 3rd prize.



A spirited American square dance gets underway with Sr. Helen Trueitt as caller.



Barbara Natesan dazzles in her Indian sari.



Stacey Stewart's eloquent recitation wins her second prize.

After School Program For St. Rose Of Lima Students

At the end of every school day, 75 students at St. Rose of Lima School take advantage of the After School Program offered through the cooperation of the NCC Social Services Department.

Vista Volunteers Diane Jones and Mary Watson; Geraldine Wise and Bertha Walker provide positive role models for the children to emulate. They help create a pleasant atmosphere which encourages the students to develop positive value systems and make good judgments.

The academic segments of the program demonstrate that learning can be fun, or at least pleasant. The students' positive attitude about learning is seriously cultivated for its potential of lowering the school dropout rate while expanding their capacity for future accomplishments.

To insure understanding, lessons of the day are reviewed and reinforced. Tutoring in basic skills is available. Because homework is seen as a responsibility to be taken seriously, students are readied to approach the

next school day with the confidence that comes from being well prepared.

Besides having a positive impact on the children, the After School Program at St. Rose of Lima School gives their parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their children can stay put after school doing something good for themselves instead of going home to an empty house or drifting around aimlessly with nothing to do.

We salute all those people who work so hard with the program.